

## City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

**September 29, 2017** 

### NORTHERN PASS COMMITTEE TO TOUR CONCORD ROUTE

On Thursday, October 3rd, members of the NH Site Evaluation Committee charged with making a decision on the Northern Pass Transmission Project will be taking a bus tour along the project's proposed southern route, from Plymouth to Deerfield.

The purpose of the site visit is to get a better sense of the proposed visual and aesthetic impacts of the new industrial transmission line, if it were built. The committee viewed the northern portion of the proposed route in July.

The proposed route traverses eight miles through Concord. According to its schedule, the locations the committee will view here in Concord include the Brookwood Drive residential development, Hoit Road, Portsmouth Street, the Alton Woods and McKenna's Purchase residential developments, and Regional Drive.

Deputy City Solicitor Danielle Pacik will attend the tour, during which time impacts to abutters and others resulting from the proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project will be discussed. The City Council's position is that Northern Pass should only be approved by the NH Site Evaluation Committee in the event it is buried in the Concord area.

To view a map of the proposed route through Concord, visit the City's Northern Pass webpage, www.concordnh.gov/northernpass.



Photo simulation of Northern Pass poles and wires near the Steeplegate Mall on Loudon Road.

## CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Loudon Road: Nighttime work continues next week. Beginning on Sunday night, through Tuesday night, Pike Industries will be paving Loudon Road. Final pavement marking will follow on Wednesday and Thursday nights, weather permitting. Traffic will be limited, at times, to one lane in each direction. Delays are to be expected.

Exit 16 Roundabout: Next week, the contractor will be installing concrete tip downs for the sidewalk, setting granite cobbles in the roundabout apron, installing the splitter islands, and paving all utility castings. Traffic delays are expected.

Water Main Improvements: Next week, the contractor will be grading Community Drive in preparation for paving on Friday. On Thursday, temporary water will be set up on Sanders Street and the street will be reclaimed. On Friday, the contractor will begin to replace the water main on Sanders Street. Traffic delays are expected.

Storm & Sanitary Sewer Cleaning/Lining: The contractor will be lining mains on Walnut Street, Horseshoe Pond Road, Sewalls Falls Road, and Manor Road. Minor traffic delays are expected.

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# PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Liberty Utilities will be working in the following locations next week:

- Jennings Dr., from Walker to Penacook St.;
- Penacook St., from Jennings Dr. to Rumford St.;
- Rumford St., from N. State to Albin St.;
- Walker St., from Rumford St. to end;
- Warren St., from Pine to Rumford St.; and
- Storrs St., from Depot St. to Loudon Rd.

There may be delays, one-lane traffic, and encumbrances of parking spaces. Work will generally take place between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

On Saturday, 9/30, and Sunday, 10/1, Milestone Construction will be closing one of the two southbound lanes on North Main Street (between Court Street and Pitman Street) to facilitate the demolition of the Registry of Deeds building at 163 North Main Street.



## **VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP VANDALIZED AREAS**

Over the past couple of months, there has been a string of vandalism on the Batchelder Mill Road and Broken Ground Trails, with several brand new

bridges and boardwalks being covered with graffiti. Last weekend, members of the Trails Committee organized a group to spend their Saturday morning cleaning up the vandalized areas. A special thanks to volunteers Fran Philippe, Hilary Thomson, Tim Pifer, Rob Knight, and Stephen Schneider for their hard work; and to the Public Properties Division of the General Services Department for contributing the paint.



### ROLLINS PARK CLEAN-UP AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Clean-up and improvements of Rollins Park, where the red pine trees were removed, is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 2nd. The contractor, Raymond Landscaping and Excavation, will be removing approximately 250 stumps; backfilling and compacting the stump holes; removing the new growth of vegetation; creating a 2,000 linear foot walking trail with stone dust material; grading and removing rocks, twigs, and limbs; removing and replacing a 550 foot long paved path that connects the park to Bow Street; utilizing City material in the formation of a natural play area; and seeding the entire area. All of this is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving. Once this part of the project is completed, City Parks staff and the Concord General Services' tree crew will purchase and plant trees and shrubs recommended by the Planning Division. A total of 43 trees and shrubs will be planted in the spring. There is opportunity for the general public to donate funds for the purchase of additional trees and shrubs. If interested, please contact Parks and Recreation Director David Gill at 225-8690.

#### BEAVER MEADOW HOLDS HEART AWARENESS TOURNAMENT

The members of Beaver Meadow Golf Course recently sponsored the 5th Annual Heart Awareness Tournament. This tournament is in memory of two long-time Beaver Meadow members, Chris Lillios and Maggie Emmons. There was a record number of participants this year, and the event raised over \$1,400 that will be donated to the Cardiac Unit at Concord Hospital.

